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By the King.

¶ A Proclamation prohibiting the Importation of Purles, Cutworkes, and Bonelaces, made in forraine Parts, and for the Sealing of such as are made within the Realme of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*.

WHereas Wee haue beene informed by the humble Petitions of a great number of Our Subiects, makers of Purles, Cutworks, and Bonelaces, residing in or neere Our City of London, and in sundry other Counties of this Realme, that by reason of the frequent Importation of those Manufactures from forraine parts beyond the Seas, they were depriued of imployment in that Trade, Whereunto they had serued and beene brought vp, and whereby they formerly maintained themselues and families, and were thereby now brought to great want and necessity; And for remedy thereof did humbly sue for Our Royall fauour to restraine the Importation of those Commodities from forraine parts, and to appoint an Officer for Sealing of such as should be made within this Our Realm of England, or Dominion of Wales, Whereby the forraine might bee the better discouered: We hauing taken the premisses into consideration, and willing to prouide for the imployment of Our owne Subiects, haue thought fit by Letters Patents vnder Our great Seale, to appoint an Officer to marke or Seale all Manufactures of that kind that shall be here made, and to seise to Our vse all forraine, that shall hereafter be imported and put to sale in this Realme, contrary to Our pleasure herein declared.

And therefore for the effecting of the premisses, Wee doe hereby make knowne Our Royall will and Pleasure to be, and doe straightly Charge and Command, That no person or persons whatsoeuer, shall hereafter Import, Conuey, or bring into this Our Realme of England, or Dominion of Wales, from forraine Parts beyond the Seas, any manner of Purles, Cutworkes, or Bonelaces, or any Commodities laced or edged therewith, to be here sold or put to sale, vpon paine of the forfeiture of the same to be seized and taken to Our vse.

And the better to find out such forraine Purles, Cutworkes and Bonelaces, as shall be hereafter secretly brought into this Realme, and put to sale to the preiudice of Our owne people that make the like; We doe hereby require, aswell all and euery Our Subiects, makers of the said Purles, Cutworkes, and Bonelaces, as the sellers and retaylers of the same; That they or any of them, doe not hereafter buy, sell, or put to sale any of the said Manufactures, before the same shall be duely sealed or marked by Our welbeloued Subiect Thomas Smith gentleman, or his deputies, whom We ha e thereunto appointed, vpon paine of Our high displeasure, and such Penalties as by the Lawes or Statutes of this Realme, or otherwise, may be inflicted on them, as contemners of Our Royall Commandement therein.

And in recompence of the attendance of the ſaid Officer, and his deputies in the premiſſes, We haue aſſigned, and granted him the Fee mentioned in Our ſaid Letters Patents: And to the end that the Sealing of the ſaid Purles, Cutworkes, and Bonelaces ſo made within this Realme, may be done with eaſe to Our Subiects, We haue authorized the ſaid Thomas Smith, to appoint deputies in all ſuch Market Townes and other places of this Our Realme, as he ſhall thinke meete for the Sealing thereof: Unto whom We doe hereby appoint, that the Seales by him, or them affixed on the ſaid Manufactures, ſhall be duely returned againe after the Sale thereof, that ſo all deceipts in making vſe of thoſe ſealings for other of the like Manufactures, may be the better auoided: And We will that none other ſhall Seale, or preſume to counterfeite the marking, or ſealing of the ſame. And further, for the diſcouery of the frandes that may be practized in the premiſſes, We doe hereby will and require, that all Shopkeepers, now vſing the trade of buying and ſelling of Purles, Cutworkes, and Bonelaces, or other commodities laced, or Edged therewith, ſhall produce and permit all ſuch of the ſaid Manufactures either Forraine, or home-made as they are now poſſeſſed of, to be Sealed by the ſaid Thomas Smith, or his deputies as afore ſaid, who is forthwith to Seale the ſame at the Owners Shops, without any fee to be payed in that behalfe.

And Our will and pleaſure is, that all ſuch buyers, or gatherers of the ſaid Manufactures, as vſually bring vp the ſame to Our Citie of London, or places adioyning, to vtter and ſell there, ſhall bring the ſaid Purles, Cutworkes, and Bonelaces to a houſe next adioyning to the ſigne of the Red-Hart in Forreſtreete without Cripple-Gate in London, where the ſaid Thomas Smith, or his deputie, is to attend the ſealing of the ſame, before it be vttered or put to ſale, vpon paine of Our heaute Indignation, and ſuch puniſhments and penalties, as ſhall, or may be inflicted, for the contempt, or neglect of Our will and Commandement in that behalfe. And for the better executing of the premiſſes, We haue authorized the ſaid Thomas Smith, and his deputies with the aſſiſtance of a Conſtable, or other lawfull Officer, to enter into any Houſes, Shops, Roomes, or places within this Our Realme, and Dominion of Wales, to ſearch for, and finde out, aſwell all ſuch Forraine Purles, Cutworkes, and Bonelaces, as ſhall be Imported and put to ſale contrary to Our pleaſure herein declared, as all ſuch Manufactures of that kinde, as ſhall be here made and put to ſale, before the ſame be duely Sealed, and the ſame to ſeize, and take to Our vſe.

Laſtly, We doe hereby require and Command all Juſtices of Peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Conſtables, Headbouroughs, and all other Our Officers and Miniſters whom it may any way concerne, to be from time to time vpon requeſt made in that behalfe, aiding and aſſiſting to the ſaid Thomas Smith, and his deputies in the accompliſhment, and execution of Our Royall Will and Commandement in the premiſſes, and this ſhall be their Warrant in that behalfe.

Given at Our Honour of Hampton Court the thirtieth day of September, in the eleventh yeere of Our Reigne.

God ſaue the King.

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